CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A recording medium permitting defect management of the recording medium when accessed by a recording and/or reproducing apparatus, comprising:

a data area having a plurality of zones;

a spare area to record replacement data for a defective area of the data area; and

an information area having start position information for each zone;

wherein start position information for each zone includes a start logical sector number for controlling access to data recorded on the recording medium.

2. The recording medium of claim 1, wherein the information area is a disc definition structure area of a defect management area of the recording medium, where the start position information for each zone is stored.

3. A recording medium permitting defect management of the recording medium when accessed by a recording and/or reproducing apparatus, comprising:

a data area having a plurality of zones;

a spare area to record replacement data for a defective area of the data area; and

an information area having start position information for each zone;

wherein start position information for each zone includes a start logical sector number for controlling access to data recorded on the recording medium, where the start logical number is stored in a disc definition structure area of a defect management area of the recording medium.